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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- AWARD OF ADDITIONAL QUOTA UNDER ISA
HARDSHIP PROVISIONS OF THE ISA

REF: LONDON 6261

1. AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 18 THE SPECIAL HARDSHIP RESERVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO) AGREED TO AWARD PANAMA 50,000 METRIC TONS AND GUAYANA 20,000 METRIC TONS OF ADDITIONAL EXPORT ENTITLEMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 39 OF THE AGREEMENT. ARTICLE 39 PROVIDES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL QUOTA MAY BE MADE BY DEVELOPING EXPORTING MEMBERS "EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES AND WHICH ARE IN TEMPORARY NEED OF ADDITIONAL EXPORT ENTITLEMENTS IN EXCESS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE QUOTAS" LIMITS ARE PLACED ON THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE HARDSHIP RESERVE AVAILABLE OF 200,000 METRIC TONS IN THE FIRST QUOTA YEAR AND 300,000 METRIC TONS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

2. THE AWARDS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 29.
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3. COMMENT: ISO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERNEST JONES-PARRY INTENDS TO RELEASE NEWS OF THE AWARDS TO THE PRESS AT COB APRIL 28. HOWEVER, THE AWARDS ARE ALREADY COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN LONDON SUGAR CIRCLES, AND PANAMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS ARE MAKING NO SECRET OF THEIR DELIGHT.

4. AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY JONES-PARRY ON APRIL 23
ATTENDED BY BOTH THE PANAMANIAN COURT OF ST. JAMES,
AMBASSADOR ROGER DECEREGA AND ALTERNATE AMBASSADOR
FOR SUGAR MIRLA PANIZA DE BELLAVITA, AS WELL AS EMBASSY
COMMODITY OFFICER, BOTH WERE HIGH IN THEIR PRAISE OF
THE AWARD TO PANAMA. DECEREGA TOLD ONE AND ALL THAT
"LAST WEEK WAS A WONDERFUL ONE FOR PANAMA -- THE CANAL
TREATY WAS RATIFIED AND PANAMA WAS AWARDED THE 50,000
METRIC TONS SHE NEEDED."

5. AFTER GETTING OFF TO A SLOW START IN DEFENDING ITS
SUGAR INTEREST DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SUGAR
NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, PANAMA HAS SINCE PURSUED SUCH
INTERESTS WITH SKILL AND PERSISTENCE. PANAMA HAS BEEN
ABLY REPRESENTED IN LONDON BY SPECIAL AMBASSADOR
CARLOS A. ARIAS CHIARI AND ALTERNATE AMBASSADOR
BELLAVITA.

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